Panchayat Presidents.

522. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any rule that Village Panchayat Court Presidents be nominated from amongst Vakils and Advocates?

MR. B. PARAMU (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Prohibition of public meetings.

523. *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why two members of this Assembly, Mr. A. P. Udayabhanu and Mr. S. Sankaranarayanan Tampi, were prohibited from addressing public meetings at any time within the last two months; and

(*b*) if so why?

MR. B. PARAMU: (*a*) and (*b*) Because of their subversive and intemperate utterances.

MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Tiruvalla*): The answer to part (*b*) of the question says "Because of their subversive and intemperate utterances. May I know from the member whether he can give a sample of those intemperate and subversive utterances?

MR. B. PARAMU: The speeches delivered by those persons were considered to be highly objectionable and so they were prohibited from addressing public meetings.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know what parts of their speeches were considered subversive and intemperate?

PRESIDENT: The question is whether the honourable member will furnish portions of the speeches which were considered to be intemperate or subversive.

MR. B. PARAMU: Sir, I will furnish those portions of the speeches.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why those persons were not proceeded against under the ordinary law?

MR. B. PARAMU: Government did not consider it necessary to proceed against them. They were prohibited from addressing public meetings.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know the reason for it?

MR. B. PARAMU: That is in exercise of the discretion vested with the Government.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the member be pleased to state whether those persons were guilty of any offences under the Travancore Penal Code?

MR. B. PARAMU: Government considered that their speeches were highly objectionable and that they will tend to cause breach of the peace and so their speeches were prohibited.

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